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SUBJECT: AFL-CIO LEADER VISIT - OPERATION SOLIDARITY

1. THREE AFL-CIO LEADERS ARE SCHEDULED TO VISIT CHILE AND URUGUAY IN MARCH AS PART OF THE AFL-CIO'S OPERATION SOLIDARITY PROGRAM INITIATED LAST YEAR AND CARRIED OUT THROUGH THE AIFLD.

2. OPERATION SOLIDARITY IS AN AFL-CIO SPONSORED AND FUNDED PROGRAM DESIGNED TO GIVE HIGH LEVEL US TRADE UNION LEADERS AN OPPORTUNITY TO MEET WITH AND DEMONSTRATE THEIR SOLIDARITY WITH THE LEADERS OF DEMOCRATIC LABOR MOVEMENTS IN LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN.

3. PARTICIPANTS PRESENTLY SCHEDULED TO MAKE THE SANTIAGO-MONTEVIDEO TRIP ARE: THOMAS W. GLEASON, PRESIDENT OF THE INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMENS' ASSOCIATION; JAY TURNER, UNCLASSIFIED

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PRESIDENT OF OPERATING ENGINEERS; AND MEL BARISIC,

SECRETARY TREASURER OF THE NATIONAL MARITIME UNION. THEY WILL PROBABLY BE ACCOMPANIED BY ANDREW MCLELLAN, AFL-CIO INTER-AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE; WILLIAM DOHERTY, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, AIFLD; AND JESSE FRIEDMAN, ASSISTANT DIRECTOR, AIFLD.

4. THE TEAM IS SCHEDULED TO BE IN CHILE MARCH 6-13, AND IN URUGUAY MARCH 14-18.

5. AIFLD REPRESENTATIVES IN COUNTRY ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ARRANGEMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH VISIT. MISSION ASSISTANCE AND/OR COURTESIES ONLY AS REQUESTED AND APPROPRIATE. KISSINGER

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